

SS John Fisher & Thomas More Parish Welcome Pack



Welcome to
**SS John Fisher &
Thomas More
Catholic Church**

MASS TIMES:

Saturday 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am & 11.00am

WEEKDAY MASS & OTHER SERVICES

See Weekly Bulletin in Porch

HOLYDAY MASS:

10.00am & 7.30pm

Parish Office. tel: 01943 863179

e.mail: ssfishermore@gmail.com

www.ssfishermore.co.uk

Diocese of Leeds: www.dioceseofleeds.org.uk

WELCOME

As a Parish Family, we try to respond to the invitation of Jesus “to love God with all our heart and to love our neighbour as ourselves.” You will see, as you read through this booklet, the various ways in which we try to respond to that great command of love. We work together with the other local parishes in the Wharfedale Catholic Deanery and we are proud to be part of “Churches Together” in Burley and Menston.

If you are new to the area, I wish you great happiness in your new home. This is the prayer that many of our Parish Family pray each day

God our loving Father,
You made us your children in baptism.
Pour out on us the gifts of your Holy Spirit.
Help us as a parish to know the paths we must follow so as to build up your kingdom.
Teach us to grow in faith, to encourage one another with words of hope,
And to care for your family with love.
Let us bear witness to the Good News,
And be faithful followers of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with you
And the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.
Amen.

Fr Michael Mahady

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We are a very friendly parish. We are a thriving community of all ages with spiritual and social groups operating each week.

Many parishioners are directly involved with the day to day running of the parish. We would be thrilled if you feel able to help with any of these ministries (either now or in the future). If you can, please make yourself known to existing parishioners and become actively involved with parish life – you are very welcome and are important to our community.

Contact details for the parish

Day to day details of services are available on the parish website: www.ssfishermore.co.uk

Parish Priest: Canon Michael Mahady

Telephone: 01943 863179

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Now you are part of the community of SS John Fisher & Thomas More, how can you enrich your own life and parish life by taking an active role within it?

To make contact with a group in the parish either telephone 01943 863179 and leave a message or email ssfishermore@gmail.com. Your message will be passed on to the relevant person.

Groups within the Parish and their lead person:

Parish Pastoral Council

Chair: Sue Rix

Secretary: Una Earley

Chair of Finance: Kevin O'Connor

Safeguarding: Sue Rix

Do you have skills to help with Sacramental Preparation or do you have a family member who will be involved in Sacramental Preparation? If you do these are the people to contact.

Baptism: Vacant

"Jack's Baptism was a great way to welcome him into the church community. It was easy to arrange and a lovely spiritual day surrounded by family and friends and parishioners." Emma & Neil

First Holy Communion: Nicola Prowse

Confirmation: Rachel Brooks

Marriage: Vacant

"It was really good to come back to the parish of my youth to get married. We both thoroughly enjoyed the parish involvement in our special day. It was emotional for us both to have the spiritual aspect of our marriage at the centre of our day." Helen and Matthew

Could you become involved with helping Mass to run smoothly? If you can these are the people to contact.

Welcomers: David Hughes

Children's Liturgy: Mary Preston

"What a joy it is to see the parish of the future taking a full part in their own liturgy (every term time Sunday) during the 11am Mass. Led by "the first and best teachers parents)", the children join in by listening to, learning about and talking about the Gospel of the day, also by praying, reading, singing, making music and working in groups. Through Children's Liturgy the youngest parish members start to understand future parish ministries." Sue

"We colour nice things and you must listen quietly." A 4 year old parishioner

"I love listening and learning about what we have heard read to us." An 8 year old parishioner

Eucharistic Ministers Rota: Hugh McCarthy

Readers: Cath Crane

Music: Carol Czternastek

Organists: Janet Byrne, Stella De Souza, Tom Lally, John Molyneux

Could you be involved in any of these important ministries? If yes contact can be made to the following people.

Sacristan: John Laurie

Altar Servers: Clodagh Woods

Altar Society: Dawn Turner

Church Flowers: Olive Baines

Collection Counters: John Laurie

Church & Hall Upkeep (which includes church cleaning rota): Margaret McCarthy

Repository Stall: Lindy Ward

Coffee Rota: Lindy Ward

“Coffee in the church hall after the 11am Mass is a very important part of parish life, we get the chance to chat and catch up with others in an otherwise too busy world. The social side of parish life is also an important part of it.” John

Would these ministries (which involve outreach in the community) be the ones to involve you? If so contact the following people.

Churches Together Representatives: John Laurie

Knights of St Columba: John Laurie

100 Club: Tony Hopkins

CAFOD: Rosalia Roberts

Care for the Sick and the Elderly: Jane Kinnane

Catenians (Wharfedale): Hugh McCarthy

Catholic Care/Gianna Project: Sue Rix

Christian Aid: John Wood

Churches Together: John Laurie

Fairtrade: Philippa Monaghan

Gardening Services: Martin Rix

Gift Aid: Greg Jessop

Knights of St Columba: John Laurie

Lourdes Pilgrimage: Kim O’Connor

Mary’s Meals: Krzysia Condliffe

Menston & Burley Bereavement Care: June Naylor

PAFRAS: Marie Straw

Pro-Life: Tony Hopkins

SVP: Sean Harrison

Website Design/Developer: Darren Goodall

Website Updates & Admin: Keith Pitcher

Youth Group: Mary Preston

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CONTACT DETAILS FOR PRE-SCHOOL AND CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

PRE-SCHOOLS

Red Brick Pre-School

SS John Fisher & Thomas More Church Hall

Bradford Road

Burley-in-Wharfedale

redbrickplay@hotmail.co.uk

Leader: Helen Reynolds

07971 407768

PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Sacred Heart Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy

Valley Drive

Ilkley

LS29 8NL

01943 609578

www.sacredheartilkley.org

office@sacredheart.bradford.sch.uk

Headteacher: Mrs Alexina Lumboski

St Joseph's Catholic Primary, A Voluntary Academy

Manor Square

Otley

LS21 3AP

01943 463840

www.stjosephsotley.org

office@stjosephsotley.org

Headteacher: Mrs Cecilia Knight

SS Peter & Paul Catholic Primary

Crofters Lea

Off New Road

Yeadon

LS29 7HW

0113 3230419

www.sspeterandpaulyeaddon.co.uk

schooloffice@ppyeaddon.org

Headteacher: Ms Diane Todd

SECONDARY SCHOOL

St Mary's, Menston, a Catholic Voluntary Academy,

Bradford Road,

Menston,

West Yorkshire

LS29 6AE

01943 883000

www.stmsmenston.org

admin@stmarysmenston.org

Headteacher: Mr Darren Beardsley

St Mary's, Menston is the secondary school in the Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust.

The ten schools who have converted into academies under The Bishop Wheeler Catholic Academy Trust are:

- Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School, Ilkley, a Voluntary Academy
- St Mary's Horsforth Catholic Voluntary Academy
- St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Pudsey, a Voluntary Academy
- St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Otley, a Voluntary Academy
- SS Peter and Paul Catholic Primary School Yeadon, a Voluntary Academy
- St Mary's Menston, a Catholic Voluntary Academy
- St Mary's Catholic Primary School Knaresborough, a Voluntary Academy
- St Joseph's Catholic Primary School Harrogate, a Voluntary Academy
- Holy Name Catholic Voluntary Academy
- St Stephen's Catholic Primary School and Nursery, a Voluntary Academy

YOUTH SERVICES:

Youth Events and Youth Pilgrimages:

Director: Rev. Marc Homsey: 0113 261 8063

marc.homsey@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Youth Coordinator: Jessica Wilkinson: 0113 261 8063

jessica.wilkinson@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Youth Officer: Jade Bradley: 0113 261 8063

jade.bradley@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

Leeds Trinity University:

0113 283 7100

Chaplaincy: 0113 283 7100 Ext 660

Saturday Vigil Mass 5.30pm

Briery Retreat Centre:

38 Victoria Avenue,

Ilkley

LS29 9BW
01943 607287
www.briery.org.uk
briery@btconnect.com

Hinsley Hall Pastoral & Conference Centre:

66 Headingley Lane
LS6 2 BX
0113 261 8000
www.hinsley-hall.co.uk
info@hinsley-hall.co.uk

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History of the Parish

At the beginning of the Twentieth Century there were not many Catholics in Burley and Menston. Religious life in the area was dominated by Methodists and Anglicans. Those who were Catholics attended Our Lady and All Saints in Otley. Scalebor Park and High Royds Hospital and the Isolation Hospital at Ellar Ghyll were also all served from Otley. Most of the local Catholic population would have walked to Mass. Public transport wasn't good and on Sunday the bus service did not start until 11.30am!

The idea of a separate parish for Burley and Menston appears to have emanated from Otley where Father Ignatius Saxton was the priest. It was in 1930 that the land for the church and house were acquired. An anonymous benefactor offered to fund the project which made it feasible. This person turned out to be Frederick Le Fevre who paid £2396 of the £3500 required. It was only after a full career in the Post Office in Bradford and the early death of his wife, that Frederick Le Fevre offered himself for the priesthood. He trained for the priesthood in Rome and was ordained at the age of 66 years. In accepting the offer to build a new parish, he offered to build the church as a memorial to his own late wife Florence.

The new church in Burley, which seated 250 people, was opened by Bishop Cowgill on 12th June 1932. The Church had the distinction of being the first church in England dedicated to the martyrs Thomas More and John Fisher, who were not canonised until 3 years later. The architects were Empsall, Clarkson and Clarke.

On each side of the sanctuary arch brass memorial plates were placed. The one on the left was in memory of Florence Le Fevre and the one on the right in memory of Canon Earnshaw who was the rector of St Patrick's Bradford (1887-1930). The statues of Our Lady and the Sacred Heart and the candelabra were gifts of 2 families in the parish. The main altar rails were made of oak and these were measured into inches and bought by parishioners and friends for £1 per inch. The Stations of the Cross were installed in February 1933. A newspaper report on the death of Father Le Fevre says that each of the Stations was the gift of friends (outside the parish) of Father Le Fevre or parishioners.

The Hall was added in July 1936, being presented anonymously by a friend of Father Le Fevre's son, the late Mr Eric Le Fevre who had died at a relatively young age. This hall was to be known as the Eric Le Fevre Memorial Hall. In December 1937 the organ, which was a gift of an anonymous donor, was built and installed by Wood Wordsworth of Leeds.

Parish Priests

1932-1940 Frederick Le Fevre
1940-1952 Frederick Joseph Mawson
1952-1960 Thomas A. Molony
1960-1987 Dermot Scanlon
1987-1993 Barrie Holmes
1993-1998 John S. Aveyard
1998-2006 Anthony Bernard Boylan
2006-2013 Joseph Smith

When Father Smith left we were without a parish priest and instead we had several priests in residence for a year each:

Malachy Larkin

Nigel Polland

Simon Wynn

Then in 2017 Father Michael Mahady joined us as our Parish Priest.

Two men from the parish have been ordained to the priesthood:

Father Mark Jarmuz (27th July 1990) and Father Paul Grogan (16th July 1994)

Over the years the parish has been served by a number of assistant priests including Father Patrick Roche (who served under Father Le Fevre); Father Francis Blanchfield (1952-1955); Father Edward Horkin (1955-1960) and Father John MacMahon (1984-1987). In addition, Father V.L.Chacko (“your little brother”) from Kusudia in India assisted for periods whilst Father Barrie Holmes was at this parish.

For years the parish was served by a deacon, Rev. Patrick Kenny who was ordained on 7th December 1978.

There is a fuller history to be found on the website.

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Eric Le Fevre Memorial Church Hall

The Parish Hall is available for rent

The rental costs are as follows:

Friday and Saturday evenings: £70

Use of the kitchen: £30

Charges for other times: £20 per hour (or part thereof) – minimum booking 2 hours

Use of the kitchen: £30

Bookings for the Hall should be made via the Parish Office, forms are available on the website.

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LOCAL GROUPS AND ACTIVITIES

There are many groups and activities available in the area. There are too many to list but here are some useful websites that may help you find an activity to enhance your life.

www.menston.org

www.burley-in-wharfedale.org – Social and Special Interest Groups

All have very thorough listings of groups, activities, their venues, dates and times for all ages. A useful read!

Our church hall is regularly used by the following groups:

Red Brick Pre-School

Burley Over 50s Group

Fairfax Singers

Slimming World

Wharfedale Male Voice Choir.

Menston and Burley Children's Centre, Main Street Menston

01943 4368818391

07738 818391

www.menstonandburley.childrencentre.org

Menston & Burley Children's Centre is now part of The Airedale and Wharfedale Children's Centre Cluster, offering a wide range of activities and services for children aged 0-5 and their families e.g. play sessions, courses and family support. This cluster is made up of 8 local Children's Centres offering a wide range of services and you are welcome to access any across the cluster. We are now made up of a much larger staff team with a huge range of skills and expertise. The manager of the cluster is Lizzie Hughes and the deputy manager is Jenny Brown.

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Everybody is welcome in the parish and has something unique and extremely valuable to offer. We hope that this booklet is helpful to you either as a long-established parishioner or as a new parishioner.

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Updates for this pack need to be submitted to PPC Secretary at or before each AGM.

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GIFT AID

Many parishioners Gift Aid their weekly collections/donations to our Parish. Could you be another one who does? Greg Jessop is the parishioner who organises Gift Aid Declarations within the parish. Here is an explanation all about what it is and how it works. You will find loose forms within the pack should you choose to become involved with Gift Aid. There is also a copy on the website.

GIFT AID DECLARATIONS

WHAT IS A GIFT AID DECLARATION (GAD)?

"Gift Aid" is the scheme used by charities and donors to reclaim tax on charitable donations.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN TO ME?

If you have paid or will pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax for each tax year (6 April to 5 April) that is at equal to the amount of tax that all the charities can reclaim against, the charity can claim 25p of tax on every £1 that I give. I understand the charity will reclaim the tax back on my behalf - this is worked out as: $£1/80 \times 20 = £0.25$.

If you pay Income Tax at the higher or additional rate and want to receive the additional tax relief due to you, you must include all your Gift Aid donations on your Self-Assessment tax return or ask HMRC to adjust your tax code.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

You need to complete the GAD form for our parish for any donation(s) you have or will be making, including any diocesan second collections donated in a recordable format. The parish can then reclaim the tax back on your donation(s). If the donation(s) are not recorded they cannot be reclaimed against. The donation(s) can be given either by numbered envelope, cheque or bankers order. The GAD will cover all donations recorded by the parish. A donation and tax reclaim letter is produced annually and is available from your parish representative. This may be useful for Self-assessment purposes.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST ME TO GIFT AID MY DONATIONS?

There is no extra cost to you. The tax is an extra bonus for the parish on your contributions – as shown overleaf by completing a GAD you are increasing your donation automatically.

WHAT IF I STOP PAYING TAX?

Inform the parish priest, parish organiser or Louise Ward at the Gift Aid Office to cancel your GAD. If the charity makes a claim on money recorded but you have not paid sufficient tax for, it will be your responsibility to repay the difference to HMRC.

WHO CAN COMPLETE A GIFT AID DECLARATION?

Any UK tax-paying individual donor who has paid enough Income or Capital Gains Tax to cover all their charitable donations given under Gift Aid in any one tax year. Joint name Declarations, will be entered as 2 Declarations with separate reference details and donors will be treated as 2 tax-paying individuals – any donations received will be split 50/50.

WHAT IS THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS REGISTERED CHARITY NUMBER:

Diocese of Leeds – Registered Charity No. 249404

KEY CONTACTS FOR INFORMATION:

DIOCESE GIFT AID ADMINISTRATOR:

Name: Louise Ward

Telephone: 0113 261 8023

Email: Louise.ward@dioceseofleeds.org.uk

PARISH REPRESENTATIVE:

Name: Greg Jessop

Mobile: 07714 430595

Email: greg.jessop@bopenworld.com

Please help us improve our parish income without donating any extra. Help us not to waste this opportunity.